

Wisconsin's Refueling Readiness Plan

Frequently Asked Questions (Received since RFP issued)

Q: {From a county highway department} We already have three maintenance shops in our county and all are wired for a generator. Can I still get a grant for this?

A: Great news, it sounds like you may be eligible for the \$1,000 grant! Please fill out the application (the RFP you received) and include location and generator specific information for all three maintenance shops. The State Energy Office and Dept. of Military Affairs will evaluate locations based on a variety of criteria including, but not limited to, proximity to population centers, so please include as much information as possible. In order to receive the grant, you will be required to agree to provide fuel to any emergency vehicle (during gubernatorially-declared disaster/emergencies) for a period of ten years, which will begin when a representative for your organization signs an agreement to that effect. This agreement will be on file with the Dept. of Military Affairs, Dept. Of Administration – State Energy Office, as well as with the National Guard. Other requirements to receive the \$1,000 grant include having documentation available outlining your disaster recovery procedures (you may already have this) and the training and operation plan associated with your generators.

Q: (From a private convenience store): My store has an emergency generator system in place which is operational. Do I qualify for this grant program? If so- how much do I qualify for and what information do you need?

A: Great news, it sounds like you may be eligible for the \$1,000 grant! Please fill out the application (the RFP you received) and include location and generator specific information (size, fuel etc. . .). The State Energy Office and Dept. of Military Affairs will evaluate locations based on a variety of criteria including, but not limited to, proximity to population centers, so please include as much information as possible. In order to receive the grant, you will be required to agree to provide fuel to any emergency vehicle (during gubernatorially-declared disaster/emergencies) for a period of ten years, which will begin when a representative for your organization

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Frequently Asked Questions (sent with RFP)

1. If I accept reimbursement for 90% of my costs, up to \$3,000, for the wiring project, do I have to sign a contract with the state obligating me to stay open in an emergency?
 - A. Yes. A petroleum marketer or county fleet operation would have to sign an agreement with the state of Wisconsin. You would be required to make reasonable efforts to obtain a generator that would enable you to run your dispensers/pumps on a 24/7 basis.
2. How do I know if a power outage qualifies as an emergency?
 - A. Only gubernatorially or Presidentially-declared emergencies require this agreement to kick-in.
3. In an emergency, could I sell fuel to the general public or only emergency vehicles?
 - A. That is up to you, the owner of the facility. But emergency vehicles should get priority.
4. What is an emergency vehicle?
 - A. Police, Sheriff, ambulance/first responders, fire department, county highway vehicles, State Patrol, National Guard, utility trucks, county/city snowplows, other official vehicles.
5. Can I sell other products than just fuel?
 - A. If your convenience store, truck stop or gas station sells other products, that would probably be helpful in an emergency. County and city fleet garages do not have other products to sell, but privately-owned stations do. This could be a good service to the public in an emergency.

6. Let's say I participate in this program, where do I get a generator from in an emergency.
 - A. Wisconsin Emergency Management will have generator rental company contacts and they would either arrange for the generators, or make sure that your local emergency government director has the name and phone number of a generator rental service you could call to get your generator set up.
7. Who pays for the rental of the generator?
 - A. The owner of the facility.
8. Do I have to stay open 24/7?
 - A. Yes, until the emergency is lifted. The emergency would have to be a gubernatorially or Presidentially-declared emergency.
9. Would there be a list of all the designated fueling stations in the state?
 - A. Yes. Wisconsin Emergency Management would maintain this list and it would be used to contact you and other designated facility owners. Facilities will be encouraged to use the Emergency Power Facility Assessment Tool (EPFAT) provided by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to help expedite proper sourcing and installation of generators. More information about EPFAT can be found at: <http://epfat.swf.usace.army.mil/>
10. Why is the state doing this?
 - A. Very few fueling stations in Wisconsin have generators or are wired to be able to accept a generator and use it quickly. If a county or group of counties suffered a catastrophic power loss (possible in a severe ice storm) the inability to get fuel for emergency vehicles will seriously hamper recovery and rescue operations. It is essential that we have at least one location in each county that we can count on to be able to dispense fuel for the duration of the emergency.
11. How do I get reimbursed for my costs, and for how much, if I agree to get the wiring and equipment installed?
 - A. First you would sign a contract with the State Energy Office outlining the terms, then you would provide copies of your invoices to the WI State Energy Office and you would be reimbursed by them within 30 days. Your reimbursement would be 90%, up to \$3,000, of costs for the project. See the example table below.

Total Project Cost	90% of Total Costs	Reimbursable Costs	Out of Pocket Costs
\$1,000	\$900	\$900	\$100
\$1,500	\$1,350	\$1,350	\$150
\$2,000	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$200
\$2,500	\$2,250	\$2,250	\$250
\$3,000	\$2,700	\$2,700	\$300
\$3,500	\$3,150	\$3,000	\$500
\$4,000	\$3,600	\$3,000	\$1,000
\$4,500	\$4,050	\$3,000	\$1,500
\$5,000	\$4,500	\$3,000	\$2,000
\$5,500	\$4,950	\$3,000	\$2,500
\$6,000	\$5,400	\$3,000	\$3,000
\$6,500	\$5,850	\$3,000	\$3,500
\$7,000	\$6,300	\$3,000	\$4,000
\$7,500	\$6,750	\$3,000	\$4,500

12. Who would do the wiring?

- A. You would select the electrician or electrical contractor to do the work. If you have a qualified electrician who has done good work for your facility in the past, you can have him/her do it. We encourage licensed electricians, but this is not a requirement. But they should be experienced, competent and be capable of working safely.

13. Do I have to do this?

- A. No. This is purely voluntary.

14. How will the state select which stores or county fleet garages get the cost sharing grants to do this?

- A. Emergency management professionals at the Department of Military Affairs will have selection criteria they use based on location, proximity to major highways, and many other factors to make an objective selection.

15. If my station is already wired to be able to accept a generator, can I participate in this program?

- A. Yes. If your station is already wired you should submit a proposal (see the RFP) to us and if your facility is in a location that could serve as a primary designated location, the state will enter into the same 10 year contract with your business and will provide a \$1,000 payment to you for agreeing to formalize emergency procedures, obtain a generator, and stay open 24/7 during an emergency.

